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Wright State University **Campus
Communication**

Date: September 24, 1981

To: Members of the Academic Council

From: Donald F. Pabst, Steering Committee Chairer and
University Faculty Vice-President

Don Pabst

Subject: Agenda for Academic Council Meeting on Monday, October 5, 1981, at 3:10 p.m.

Place: Rear Section of the University Center Cafeteria

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of the June 1, 1981 meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President
- V. Reports of the Standing Committees:
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
 - E. Budget Review
- VI. Old Business: None
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Committee replacements and additions - see separate list attached. (Steering Committee will ask for a suspension of the rules to act on this item.)
 - B. University representative to the University Promotion and Tenure Committee for 1981-82. List of candidates to be distributed at the meeting.
 - C. Curriculum Committee recommendation to add BIO 101-2-3. Qualifies for general education credit. Additional information available at the meeting.
 - D. Steering Committee recommendation - "Only official members of Academic Council are permitted to vote at Academic Council meetings."

VIII. Adjournment

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- I. The meeting of October 5, 1981 was called to order by President Robert J. Kegerreis at 3:10 p.m. in the Cafeteria Extension of the University Center. President Kegerreis designated Provost John R. Beljan as presiding officer of Academic Council, beginning with this meeting.

Present: H. Andrews, P. Batra, J. Beljan, C. Cary, J. Gabbert, R. Gardier, S. Ghosh, J. Greene, C. Hartmann, J. Hoying, A. Hye, R. Iddings, J. Jacob, R. Kegerreis, B. Mann, D. Pabst, C. Queener, M. Roach, K. Reed, W. Sawyer, S. Sexson, G. Skinner, A. Spiegel, B. Tea, R. Weisman, R. Williams

Absent: B. Beeler, J. Castellano, I. D'Agostino, B. Hutchings, M. Moloney, J. Schrader, J. Sullivan, H. Viets

- II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 1, 1981 Academic Council meeting. Minutes were approved.

III. Report of the President:

A. Appropriations Act. Since July 1, 1981, the University has been operating on a continuation budget with a subsidy of 90 percent of the level provided on July 1, 1980. A tax proposal from the Speaker of the House, Mr. Rife, has passed the House and is now in the Senate. If the Rife proposal passes, the state universities will return to the approximate level of a year ago which is part way to the proposals that the Office of Budget Management and the Ohio Board of Regents had indicated might be available more than a year ago. State universities have reacted to the shortage of funds in a variety of ways. Some have had a considerable increase in fees from year to year while others have not increased fees in the past six months, resulting in a wide range of fees among the state universities. President Kegerreis urged all to contact their senators to support increased revenue for higher education.

B. Actions by Administration and Board of Trustees:

1. Early Retirement Plan. The Administration and the Board of Trustees envisions a trial period of five years to see if the Early Retirement Plan is the most ideal for the University.
2. Increase in Faculty and Staff Salaries. The decision to institute an increase in faculty and staff salaries has been implemented and approved by the Board of Trustees. The accumulated increase retroactive to July 1 should be indicated on a midmonth paycheck, and the October end-of-the-month check should reflect the new level of salary.

It is hoped that both these actions will be maintained, even on the continuation budget basis, regardless of the forthcoming action of the Legislature about new taxes.

C. Research Park. The State of Ohio has formally transferred 600 acres of land to the organization governing the Research Park which is dominated by the universities (University of Dayton, Central State, Wright State, and Sinclair Community College, with associate relationships with the Air Force Institute of Technology). In addition, the Legislature has provided \$150,000 in planning funds for the site, none of which have yet been spent; but legislators recommend we proceed with the planning. A Capital Improvements Bill in the Legislature has an item for construction and site

improvement in the amount of \$10 million for the Research Park. That item is in the Sinclair budget which has caused some confusion. Sinclair is simply acting as a pass-through for these funds and will be expended in total at the Research Park site, assuming the Capital Improvement Bill passes. Legislators intend to introduce the Capital Improvements Bill as soon as an Appropriations Act is passed which contains new source of revenue by means of taxes. If no new taxes are enacted, economy does not improve, and an Appropriations Act does not pass, then the Capital Improvements Bill will be postponed indefinitely.

- D. Enrollment. Individual collegiate action within the University during this past summer deliberately curtailed or managed enrollment with the result that fall enrollment is nearly the same as last year. There has been discussion concerning whether the University should continue to encourage additional students to attend if the University already has hundreds of students for which the University does not receive any subsidy, the reason being that the Legislature and the Ohio Board of Regents' estimates of our enrollment were lower than realized last year. If a resolution to revenue problems is seen, enrollment management will probably be discussed on a wide-scale basis within this academic year.

Discussion followed concerning tuition rollback. President Kegerreis said the University has not taken a position regarding this. There is a support level from the State of Ohio which might allow the state universities to roll back their most recent tuition increases. The question has been more seriously addressed to those universities who have raised fees well beyond the level of Wright State's fees. The University has no reluctance to roll back tuition nor an enthusiasm to raise fees. The University must wait to see if increased subsidy for the State of Ohio reaches a reasonable level as first envisioned when the planning for the new biennium began. The University adopted a relatively moderate fee increase last spring on the assumption that there would be some relief as now being considered in the Senate. If the Legislature fails to act, the University may need to consider a fee increase. If the Legislature does act, there may be no need to raise fees for some time.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee and Faculty Vice-President: Mr. D. Pabst, Chairman, gave the following report:

- A. The Steering Committee has been studying the Early Retirement Plan, with particular concern with questions of a guarantee of part-time teaching in lieu of, or as a supplement to, the present retirement annuity. Another concern was the possible recomputation of the balance between the years of service and the salary level in computing the retirement annuity. Provost Beljan will be addressing the Steering Committee on October 9 regarding the Early Retirement Plan.
- B. Mr. Pabst requested that the list of candidates for Professor at Large for the Promotion and Tenure Committee be added to the agenda as Item E under New Business.
- C. Mr. Pabst informed Council he has started a Newsletter to the faculty, with the first Newsletter dated October 1. Mr. Pabst wishes to increase communication with all faculty and plans a brief meeting with each college and school faculty during fall or early winter.

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- D. The University has been and will continue sending a representative to the Chancellory Faculty Advisory Committee. The representative will be the Faculty Vice-President or another so delegated faculty.
- E. Mr. Pabst introduced Mr. P. Piedacalzi who commented on the United Way Campaign. The campaign began September 28 and runs through October 16. Mr. Piedacalzi reported that the University has a poor donation record, 45 percent compared to other universities who have a 65-70 percent record. All were encouraged to participate in the United Way Campaign so that our goal to increase the number of Wright State donors by 20 percent might be realized.

V. Reports of the Standing Committees:

- A. Curriculum Committee: Mr. S. Frederick reported that the committee is still organizing and the dates for meetings have been planned.
- B. Faculty Affairs Committee: Mr. J. Jacob, Chairer, gave the following report:
 - 1. The committee is considering the review of Promotion and Tenure Document and will prepare a questionnaire and will distribute to full professors who have served on the Promotion and Tenure Committee during the past five years.
 - 2. The Faculty Affairs Committee has appointed a Due Process Hearing Board to hear a complaint raised by a member of the University faculty regarding due process.
 - 3. The committee has dealt with the topic of faculty tardiness, action on which was tabled from the June 1981 meeting of Academic Council. The Faculty Affairs Committee has communicated to Mr. J. Petrofsky, Acting Chairer of the Student Affairs Committee, and to the Student Government a set of reactions to the Policy of Faculty Tardiness. Questions addressed:
 - a. What constitutes an unusually large number of complaints of faculty tardiness.
 - b. It was felt that the problem was more of one that the students were penalized for materials that were covered during their absence than the fact of faculty tardiness itself. It was felt the policy proposed in June does not solve the direct problem raised at that time. It remains to be proven that the problem of faculty tardiness cannot be solved through the normal academic chain of command. On that basis, the Faculty Affairs Committee chose to take no further action.
 - 4. Mr. Jacob requested that the proposed amendments to the University Promotion and Tenure Document be added to this meeting's agenda under New Business.
- C. Library Committee: Mr. Pabst reported that the committee indicated several important positions have been filled in the Library. Department of Library representatives are urged to resume their schedule of checking books arriving on the Approval Plan.
- D. Student Affairs Committee: Mr. Pabst reported that Student Affairs will be electing their own chairer. The committee will be meeting soon.

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- E. Budget Review Committee: Mr. Pabst reported that the Budget Review Committee will hold its first meeting October 12. Any members of the University community having input for this meeting should forward it directly to members of this committee.

VII. New Business:

- A. Committee Additions and Replacements for 1981-82 (See attachment to agenda for October 5 meeting.) Mr. Pabst made the following corrections to the subject list:

1. Two "Admissions" committees should be shown as one.
2. The Parking Services Advisory Committee Chairer will be Thomas Von der Embse. The position of Director of University and Community Events who had served ex officio on this committee is being removed at her own request. Student representatives added to this committee are Gerry Kohler, Jim Burke, and Heidi Schwensen.

Mr. Pabst moved to suspend the rules so that action could be taken on the Committee Additions and Replacements. Motion seconded and passed. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Standing Committee Additions and Replacements for 1981-82 as presented. Motion passed.

- B. List of Candidates for Professor at Large for University Promotion and Tenure Committee for Academic Year 1981-82 (See Attachment A to these minutes.) This list is to be reviewed for action at November meeting. Nominations will be accepted at the next Academic Council meeting and Council members were requested to first check with individual they wish to nominate as to whether the individual will accept the nomination. Nominations and election will be held at the November Academic Council Meeting.
- C. Addition of BIO 101-102-103 to Course Inventory. Mr. S. Frederick requested a suspension of the rules so that action could be taken on the recommendation to add BIO 101-102-103 to the course inventory so that these classes could be added to the Winter Class Schedule. Motion made, seconded and passed to suspend rules. Discussion followed. BIO 101 was approved on a temporary, one-time basis previously; this request for BIO 101-102-103 is on a permanent basis. BIO 111-112-113 will be for Biology majors only and will remain on the general education requirement list, and BIO 101-102-103 will be eligible for general education credit for non-Biology majors. These three courses would be added to general education courses in inventory. Question called, seconded, passed. Question: To approve addition of BIO 101-102-103 to course inventory. Voice vote taken and passed.
- D. Steering Committee recommendation - "Only official members of Academic Council are permitted to vote at Academic Council meetings." Recommendations will be considered at next meeting as Old Business.
- E. Proposed Amendments to the University Promotion and Tenure Document (See Attachment B to these minutes.) Mr. Jacob made a motion to include the proposed amendments to the Promotion and Tenure Document as Old Business at the next meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

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- VIII. Provost Beljan introduced two new members of Academic Council: Janice Gabbert from Liberal Arts and Robert Gardier from the School of Medicine. Also introduced to Council was Assistant Provost, Willard Hutzel.
- IX. Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attachments